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Application No.: 10/683,853

Group No.: 2188

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Examiner: Namazi, M.

For: Method and System for Coherently I/O Devices Across a Network

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- (2) Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in section 1.491 in an international application; or
- (3) Before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurs last." 37 C.F.R. section 1.97(b).

NOTE: "Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section." 37 C.F.R. section 1.56(a).

"Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

- (1) each inventor named in the application;
- (2) each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
- (3) every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application." 37 C.F.R. section 1.56(c).

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WARNING: "No information disclosure statement may be filed in a provisional application." 37 C.F.R. section 1.51(b).

List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

(check sections forming a part of this statement: discard unused sections and number pages consecutively)

1. Preliminary Statements
2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. Cumulative Patents or Publications
6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
7. Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
 - 7A. EPO Search Report
 - 7B. English Language Version of EPO Search Report
8. Translation(s) of Non-English Language Documents
9. Concise Explanation of English Language Listed Information Items (Optional)
10. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

(complete the following, if appropriate)

Sections , respectively, have been continued on ADDED PAGE(S).

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Section 1. Preliminary statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. section 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

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In addition to the Form PTO/SB/08A, also enclosed are the following:

Declaration of Eric Dickman dated March 25, 2005.



SECTION 2. FORMS PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)

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Applicants: Percival Attorney Docket: 1348/110
 Serial No: 10/683,853 Art Group Unit: 2188
 Date Filed: October 10, 2003 Examiner Name: Namazi, M.
 Invention: Method and System for Coherently I/O Devices Across a Network

**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR
APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
	EH	US 4,622,631	Nov. 11, 1986	Frank et al.	364/200
	EI	US 4,755,930	Jul. 5, 1988	Wilson, Jr. et al.	364/200
	EJ	US 5,055,999	Oct. 8, 1991	Frank et al.	364/200
	EK	US 5,210,865	May 11, 1993	Davis et al.	364/200

OTHER DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Author	Title of Article, Title of Journal, Volume Number, Page Numbers, Date
	EL	Blaze et al.	<i>"Long Term Caching Strategies for Very Large Distributed File Systems"</i> , pp. 3-15, USENIX, 1991.
	EM	M. Satyanarayanan	<i>"A Survey of Distributed File Systems"</i> , Annual. Review of Computer. Science, Vol. 4, pp. 73-104, 1990.
	EN	M. Blaze et al.	<i>"Dynamic Hierarchical Caching in Large Distributed File Systems"</i> , pp. 521-528, IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee, June 1992.
	EO	T. Mann et al.	<i>"A Coherent Distributed File Cache with Directory Write-behind"</i> , Digital Systems Research Center, June 1993.
	EP	G. Delp et al.	<i>"An Analysis of Memnet: An Experiment in High-Speed Shared-Memory Local Networking"</i> , pp. 165-174, ACM, 1988.
	EQ	J. Carter et al.	<i>"Network Multicomputing Using Recoverable Distributed Shared Memory"</i> , pp. 519-527, IEEE, 1993.

	ER	Kai Li	<i>"Shared Virtual Memory on Loosely Coupled Multiprocessors"</i> , A Dissertation Presented to the Faculty of the Graduate School of Yale University, December 1986.
	ES	E. Hagersten et al.	<i>"DDM-A Cache-Only Memory Architecture"</i> , pp. 1-20, Swedish Institute of Computer Science, November 1991.
	ET	Bryant et al.	<i>"Operating System Support for Parallel Programming on RP3"</i> , pp. 617-634, September 1991.
	EU	B. Walker et al.	<i>"The LOCUS Distributed Operating System"</i> , pp. 49-70, ACM, 1983.
	EV	A. Birrell et al.	<i>"The Echo Distributed File System"</i> , Digital Systems Research Center, September 1993.

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Date Considered: _____

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation *if not* in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Section 6. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

NOTE: *37 C.F.R. section 1.98(a)(2) requires that any information disclosure statement filed under section 1.97 shall include: "A legible copy of: (i) Each U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) Each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) All other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, except that no copy of a U.S. patent application need be included . . ."*

NOTE: *The wording in section 1.98(a)(2)(iii) makes it clear that the requirement to submit a copy of each item of information listed in an information disclosure statement does not apply to the citation of a U.S. patent application. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 14.*

Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

(complete the following, if applicable)

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[]Items in prior application, from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

[]Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.

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Section 10. Identification of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

The person making this certification is

(check each applicable item)

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SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR

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- (b) an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. section 1.56(c))

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- (c) the practitioner who signs below on the basis of the information:

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